

1 **Amendment to the Claims**

2 **In the Claims:**

3 Please amend Claims 1, 2, and 15 as follows:

4 1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a selection of properties for an electronic
5 document associated with an application program having a user interface, comprising the steps of:

6 determining a context for the electronic document;

7 determining a status of a property for the electronic document; and

8 based upon the context of the electronic document and the status of the property,

9 creating a customized palette for the user interface so that the palette comprises
10 a control only for an available property for the electronic document; and

11 displaying the palette in conjunction with the electronic document on the user
12 interface such that said palette and an activated associated content of the palette do not obscure
13 viewing of said electronic document.

14 2. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

15 determining a change in the status of the property or the context of the electronic
16 document; and

17 based upon the change of the property or the change in context of the electronic
18 document,

19 modifying the palette to reflect the change in the property or the change in the
20 context of the electronic document; and

21 replacing the palette with the modified palette so that the modified palette is
22 displayed in conjunction with the electronic document on the user interface.

23 3. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of:

24 sizing the palette so that the palette and the electronic document can be simultaneously
25 viewed.

26 4. (Original) The method of Claim 2, further comprising the step of:

27 sizing the modified palette so that the modified palette and the electronic document
28 can be simultaneously viewed.

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1 5. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
2 coordinating the palette with a predefined interface so that the palette and the
3 predefined interface provide consistent control features; and
4 displaying the predefined interface in conjunction with the palette and the electronic
5 document.

6 6. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 2, further comprising the steps of:
7 coordinating the modified palette with a predefined interface so that the palette and the
8 predefined interface provide consistent control features; and
9 displaying the predefined interface in conjunction with the modified palette and the
10 electronic document.

11 7. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the context of the electronic document
12 consists of at least one of the following: textual content, formatting content, or graphical content.

13 8. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the property consists of one of the following:
14 a formatting command, an application program command, or an electronic document characteristic.

15 9. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the user interface comprises a graphical user
16 interface for an application program.

17 10. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the user interface comprises a floating
18 palette.

19 11. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the user interface comprises a property
20 browser palette window.

21 12. (Original) The method of Claim 5, wherein the predefined interface comprises a toolbar.

22 13. (Original) The method of Claim 6, wherein the predefined interface comprises a toolbar.

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1 14. (Previously Presented) A computer system for providing a selection of formatting
2 properties for an electronic document associated with an application program having a user interface
3 comprising:

4 a memory for storing a property browser program module; and
5 a processing unit functionally coupled to the memory for executing computer-
6 executable instructions operable for:
7 determining a formatting property for an electronic document associated with
8 the application program, wherein the formatting property has at least one control;
9 determining a context for the electronic document;
10 creating a customized palette with the formatting property including at least
11 one control and further based upon the context of the electronic document; and
12 sending the palette to a user interface associated with the application program
13 for display adjacent to a viewing content area occupied by the electronic document, such that the
14 palette and an activated associated content of the palette do not obscure any portion of the viewing
15 content area occupied by the electronic document regardless of whether the electronic document
16 occupies all portions of the viewing content area.

17 15. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 14, wherein the processing unit is
18 further operable for:

19 determining a change in the status of the property or the context of the electronic
20 document; and
21 based upon the change of the property or the context of the electronic document,
22 modifying the palette to reflect the change in the property or the change in the
23 context of the electronic document; and
24 replacing the palette with the modified palette so that the modified palette is
25 displayed in conjunction with the electronic document on the user interface.

26 16. (Original) The computer system of Claim 14, wherein the processing unit is further
27 operable for:

28 sizing the palette so that the palette and the electronic document can be simultaneously
29 viewed.

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17. (Original) The computer system of Claim 15, wherein the processing unit is further operable for:

sizing the modified palette so that the modified palette and the electronic document can be simultaneously viewed.

18. (Original) The computer system of Claim 14, wherein the processing unit is further operable for:

coordinating the palette with a predefined interface so that the palette and the predefined interface provide consistent control features; and

displaying the predefined interface in conjunction with the palette and the electronic document.

19. (Original) The computer system of Claim 15, wherein the processing unit is further operable for:

coordinating the modified palette with a predefined interface so that the palette and the predefined interface provide consistent control features; and

displaying the predefined interface in conjunction with the modified palette and the electronic document.

20. (Original) The computer system of Claim 14, wherein the context of the electronic document consists of at least one of the following: textual content, formatting content, or graphical content.

21. (Original) The computer system of Claim 14, wherein the property consists of one of the following: a formatting command, an application program command, or an electronic document characteristic.

22. (Original) The computer system of Claim 18, wherein the user interface comprises a graphical user interface for an application program.

23. (Original) The computer system of Claim 18, wherein the user interface comprises a floating palette.

24. (Original) The computer system of Claim 18, wherein the user interface comprises a property browser palette window.

25. (Original) The computer system of Claim 18, wherein the predefined interface comprises a toolbar.

26. (Original) The computer system of Claim 19, wherein the predefined interface comprises a toolbar.

27. (Previously Presented) A computer system for providing a selection of formatting properties for an electronic document associated with an application program having a user interface comprising:

a memory for storing a property browser program module; and

a processing unit functionally coupled to the memory, for executing computer-executable instructions operable for:

determining a formatting property for an electronic document associated with the application program, wherein the formatting property has at least one control;

determining a context for the electronic document;

creating a customized palette with the formatting property including at least one control and further based upon the context of the electronic document;

sizing the palette so that the palette and the electronic document can be simultaneously viewed;

sending the palette to a user interface associated with the application program;

determining a change in the status of the property or the context of the electronic document; and

based upon the change of the property or the context of the electronic document,

modifying the palette to reflect the change in the property or the change in the context of the electronic document;

sizing the modified palette so that the modified palette and the electronic document can be simultaneously viewed; and

replacing the palette with the modified palette so that the modified palette is displayed adjacent to a viewing content area occupied by the electronic document on the user interface, said modified palette being displayed such that the modified palette and an activated associated content of the modified palette do not obscure any portion of the viewing content area occupied by said electronic document regardless of whether the electronic document occupies all portions of the viewing content area.